Assessment of Railways traffic loss to road transport

850. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Railways regarding loss of its traffic to the road transport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No precise assessment has been made by the Railways regarding loss of 'its' traffic to the road transport.

(b) Does not arise.

Length of Narrow Gauge Rail Line and Conversion thereof

851. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of narrow gauge line existing in the country, Zone-wise; and

(b) the length, out of that, proposed to be converted into broad gauge; zone-wise, during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The total length (Route Km.) of narrow gauge line Zone-wise is as follows:

Railway	Length of narrow gauge line (Route Km.) (as on 31.3.96)
Central	996
Eastern	132
Northern	260
North-Eastern	—
Northeast-Frontier	87
Southern	102
South-Central	—
South-Eastern	1,340
Western	877
TOTAL:	3,794

(b) The length of narrow gauge line proposed to be converted zonewise during the Ninth Plan is as under:

Railway	Length in Kilometres
Central	405
Eastern	—
Northern	—
North-Eastern	—
Northeast-Frontier	—
Southern	102
South-Central	—
South-Eastern	549
South-Central	—
South-Eastern	549
Western	—
TOTAL:	1,056

Surplus Railway Staff of Waltair Railway Division

852. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surplus staff of Waltair Railway Division is being sent back to their parent divisions;

(b) whether the South Eastern Railwaymen's Union has represented for their absorption in new projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No staff have been declared surplus on Waltair Division.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.